(ङ) क्या यह सच है कि जबलपुर के समीप स्थित "तामियां लांग प्रूफ रेंज" से चुराये गये बम अंततोगत्वा उग्रवादियों तथा नक्सलवादी संगठनों के हाथ में पहुंचे हैं; और

(च) क्या सरकार ने बमों की चोरी रोकने के लिये कोई कदम उठाये हैं ; यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है ?

रक्षा मंत्री (श्री शरद पवार) : (क) जी, हां ।

(ख) जबलपुर के निकट खमरिया में स्थित लांग प्रूफ रेंज से बम की चोरी के बारे में अब तक कोई रिपोर्ट नहीं मिली है ।

(ग) से (च) ऊपर (ख) को देखते हुए प्रश्न नहीं उठते ।

Supply of Uniforms and Training Equipments to NCC Cadets

4058. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that NCC is losing its popularity because of non supply of uniforms and training equipments even to the enrolled cadets;

(b) what are the details of uniforms and training equipments prescribed for NCC cadets; and

(c) whether there is a shortage of these equipments and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) to (c) There is no evidence to suggest that NCC is losing its popularity among our youth. NCC Cadets are authorised two sets of stitched uniforms, which differ according to the Wings and divisions viz. Army, Navy, Air Wings and Girls Divisions and one pair each of Shoes/Boots, Socks, Baret, Web Belt and other accoutrement items like rank badges, cap badges, hackles, Arms Titles etc. In addition, the Cadets are authorised items like Shoes Canvas, Blanket Barrack, Kit Bags, Durries, Jerseys, Cape Water proof etc. before attending Camps. Shortages which emerge from time to time, are remedied promptly.

Audience with Russian President

4059. SHRI PRAKASH YASHWANT AMBEDKAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during his tour to Russia he was informed that an audience has been granted by the President of Russia;

(b) if so, what is the names of the agency which informed him about such audience; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons for cancellation of the said audience?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) to (c) As is the normal practice, a meeting of Raksha Mantri with the Russian President was sought during Raksha Mantri's visit to Russia. The proposed meeting did not materialise, apparently on account of the Russian President's other scheduled unavoidable commitments.

तमिल टाइगर्स का सामना करने के लिये सेना की तैनाती

4060. **श्री विश्वासराव रामराव पाटिल** : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि तमिलनाडु सरकार ने तमिल टाइगर्स का सामना करने के लिये सेना की सहायता मांगी है ;